

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 32, lines 16-18 please insert the following:

manufacturers. The following primers were used: 5'ACTGAGGACCAGCCATTGAG3'(SEQ ID. NO. 1)/5'AGGTGGAATGAGGGAGGAAG3' (human IL-1Ra) (SEQ ID. NO. 2) and 5'AAGCTGATGGCCCTAAACAG3'(SEQ ID. NO. 3)/5'AGGTGCATCGTGCACATAAG3' (human IL-1 β) (SEQ ID. NO. 4). PCR conditions were: denaturation for 30

On page 32, lines 26-27 please insert the following:

(5'AGAGTCGCGCTGTAAGAAGC3'(SEQ ID. NO. 5)/5'TGGTCTTGTCACCTTGGCATC3' (SEQ ID. NO. 6)) and GAPDH (5'AACAGCGACACCCACTCCTC3'(SEQ ID. NO. 7)/5'GGAGGGGAGATTCAAGTGTGGT3' (SEQ ID. NO. 8)) with similar results.